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SCARLET WITCH



**LOTKILL, NEW YORK.
UNITED STATES.**



**YOU
ARE WANDA
MAXIMOFF.**

**YOU ARE
THE SCARLET
WITCH.**



THIS
IS IT.

THIS
IS THE
PLACE.



**AND
YOU...**

...YOU'RE READY
FOR WHATEVER
COMES.

THE PACIFIC OCEAN.
NOW.



KNOW
YOUR PLACE,
WITCH!

THIS IS
THE DOMAIN
OF GIANTS!

HELP! THEY--
THEY'RE TEARING
THE SHIP APART!

DOCTOR
HYDRO! HERMAN,
HE--HE WAS ONE OF
US! A BELIEVER! BUT
HE JUST DOVE
OVER THE SIDE!

THAT'S
RIGHT, I DID!
TO WRANGLE
CAECELEON!

A
MASTERPIECE
OF THE SLOW
SCIENCE
MOVEMENT! FIRST
OF MY GREAT
HYDRO-
FAUNA!

AND AFTER
SUFFERING SO
LONG A GESTATION,
MY CREATION
DEMANDS--

--MEAT!

UORP



YOU SOUND
RIDICULOUS,
HYDRO.

I CANNOT!
I AM A DOCTOR!
I--

FWASHDOOM



WHERE'D
YOU SEND
THEM?

FOR
CAECELEON, A
HOME ON MONSTER
ISLE. FOR HYDRO,
THE WORST OF
HELLS...

...A BUBBLE
REALITY WOVEN
FROM THE NEW
JERSEY DMV.

ARE...YOU
JOKING?

YOU'LL NEVER
KNOW. BUT YOU'RE
SAFE NOW. YOUR
SHIP'S REPAIRED.



WE CAME TO WITNESS
CAECELEON. NOT BE
EATEN BY HIM.

A BRUSH WITH THE PRIMORDIAL
QUICKENS THE SOUL. THIS IS
OUR RELIGION. BUT IT'S NOT
ONE OF SACRIFICE.

THAT SEEMS
IMPRACTICALLY
DANGEROUS.

WE'RE
BORED AND
VERY RICH.

CHA-CHIME

HOW
NICE FOR
YOU.

I, ON
THE OTHER
HAND...





HEY! I LET MYSELF IN.



I APPRECIATE YOUR ENTHUSIASM, DARCY.

SOMEONE'S GOT TO BE HERE TO SELL **EARLY-BIRD** **BRENDA** HER **DIAGNOSIS DICE**.

PLUS **TINCTURES** FOR **TIM THE FORAGER**, **CHAPBOOKS** FOR **CHAD THE COMPLAINER**...



...WHILE YOU'RE OFF FIGHTING **DOC SEAMONSTER**.

DOCTOR HYDRO. HERMAN FRAYNE.

A **BROKEN MAN** INTENT ON **MUTATING PEOPLE** INTO **AMPHIBIOUS HORRORS**.



WHEN YOUR **CRIB** WAS A **MAD SCIENTIST'S INCUBATOR**, YOU DISLIKE SUCH THINGS.

MY **LIFE'S** BEEN A **ROLLER COASTER**. SOMETIMES **STRANGE**. OFTEN **PAINFUL**.

BUT I'M **EXCITED** TO LAY **NEW TRACK**. THIS **SHOP**. THIS **TOWN**. THE **LAST DOOR**.



WITH **YOUR** HELP, OF COURSE.

I CAN'T EVEN CLAIM **VICTORY** OVER OUR **WEATHERPROOFING**. THIS **DAMN DRAFT**...

THAT? THAT'S NOT A **DRAFT**...



A
BAUBLE
SHOP?

IF YOU WANTED
TO SEE HOW THE
OTHER HALF LIVES,
YOU MIGHT'VE CONJURED
A STATION
WAGON.

THEN YOU
COULD AT LEAST
RACE BEHIND
ME, LIKE OLD
TIMES.

WHOOOSH



...THAT'S MY
BROTHER.

ALWAYS
GOOD TO SEE
YOU, PIETRO. HOW'S
MY NIECE?



LUNA IS OFF
WITH HER MOTHER.
IN SPACE, AS I'M
TOLD.

I READ
ALL YOUR
LITTLE BOOKS...
WHAT? YOU
BLINKED.

SHUT



SO HE'S
FAST...AND
A LOT.

QUITE.
BUT TRUST ME.
HE'LL BE--

WHOOSH



--BACK.

I THOUGHT
WE MIGHT **ABUSE**
OURSELVES WITH
THE LOCAL FARE.

THEY'RE
CALLED **UTICA**
GREENS, PIETRO.
AND **DON'T** EXPECT
ME TO LET YOU EAT
STANDING UP.

ZIP



HONESTLY,
WANDA...

WHAT ARE
YOU **DOING**
HERE? BESIDES
TESTING MY
BIOLOGY WITH
SATURATED
FATS.

BALANCING PAST MISTAKES.
DARKNESS HELD ME BACK
FOR TOO LONG. I FOUGHT.
I HELPED...

...BUT HOW
MANY PEOPLE
SUFFERED BECAUSE
I DIDN'T **RECKON**
WITH MYSELF
SOONER?



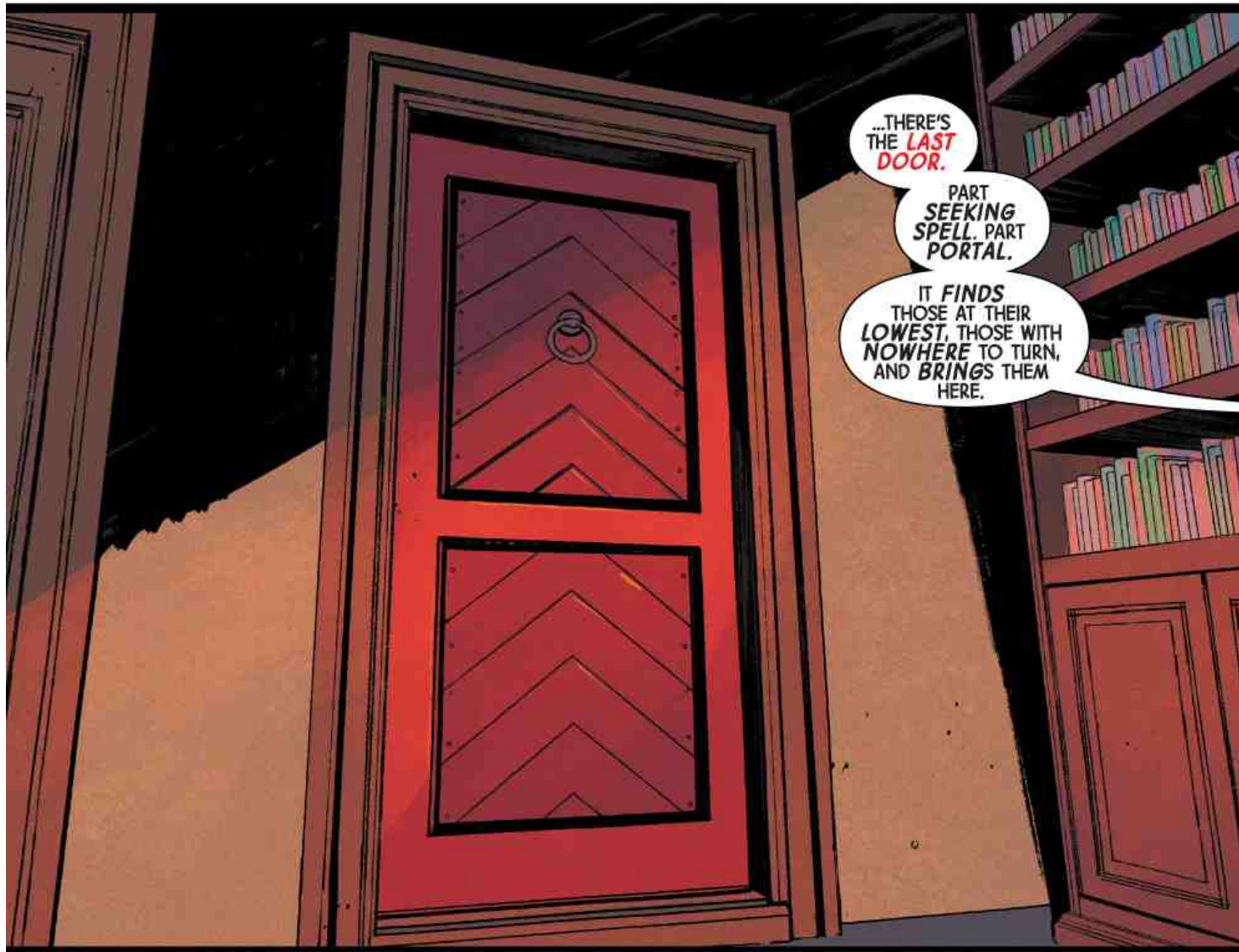
MARTYRDOM
IS A SORRY
ANSWER.

THAT'S **NOT**
THIS. I'M **GOING**
BIG. MAKING IT SO
NO ONE SLIPS
THROUGH THE
CRACKS AGAIN.



SO, I **BUILT**
A SPIRITUAL MERCANTILE.
HERE AT **EMPORIUM**, PEOPLE
CAN GET HELP WITH THE
SMALL THINGS.

AND FOR
THOSE IN
GREATER
NEED...



...THERE'S
THE **LAST**
DOOR.

PART
SEEKING
SPELL, PART
PORTAL.

IT **FINDS**
THOSE AT THEIR
LOWEST, THOSE WITH
NOWHERE TO TURN,
AND **BRINGS** THEM
HERE.



YOU **NAILED**
TOGETHER SOME
RAILROAD TIES AND
GAVE THEM A
CONSCIENCE.

SHALL I
CLAPP?

NO **NEED**,
PIETRO. YOU'VE
GOT A **TELL**.



A **MILLISECOND**
OF **TRUTH** BEFORE YOU
MAKE THE FACE YOU **WANT**
PEOPLE TO SEE. SO, YEARS
AGO, I **ENCHANTED**
YOU.

THINK OF IT
AS AN **ASTRAL**
SNAPSHOT. I CAN
SEE WHAT YOU'RE
REALLY THINKING.

SO I
KNOW YOU'RE
IMPRESSED.



I'M NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE CONCEPT.

BUT IF YOU LIKE, I COULD FEIGN SURPRISE FOR YOUR PANTRY CREATURE.

EASY, PIETRO. DARCY MINDS THE SHOP.

WELL, YOU'RE LYING ABOUT HER, EVEN IF BY OMISSION.



YOU HAVE YOUR OWN TELL. WHEN YOU SPEAK, YOU'RE BEING CRYPTIC. STILL...

SO NICE TO SEE YOUR NEW VENTURE! QUITE THE FLOPHOUSE FULL OF TOOTHLESS TRINKETS YOU'VE BUILT.

IF EVERYTHING WE SELL IS SO BENIGN...



...IT'S NO PROBLEM THAT YOU'RE HOLDING A STERILITY POTION.

I NO LONGER ENJOY THIS GAME OF WORDS.



A CUSTOMER? HOW UNEXPECTED.

OF SORTS. IT'S LIKE I TOLD YOU.

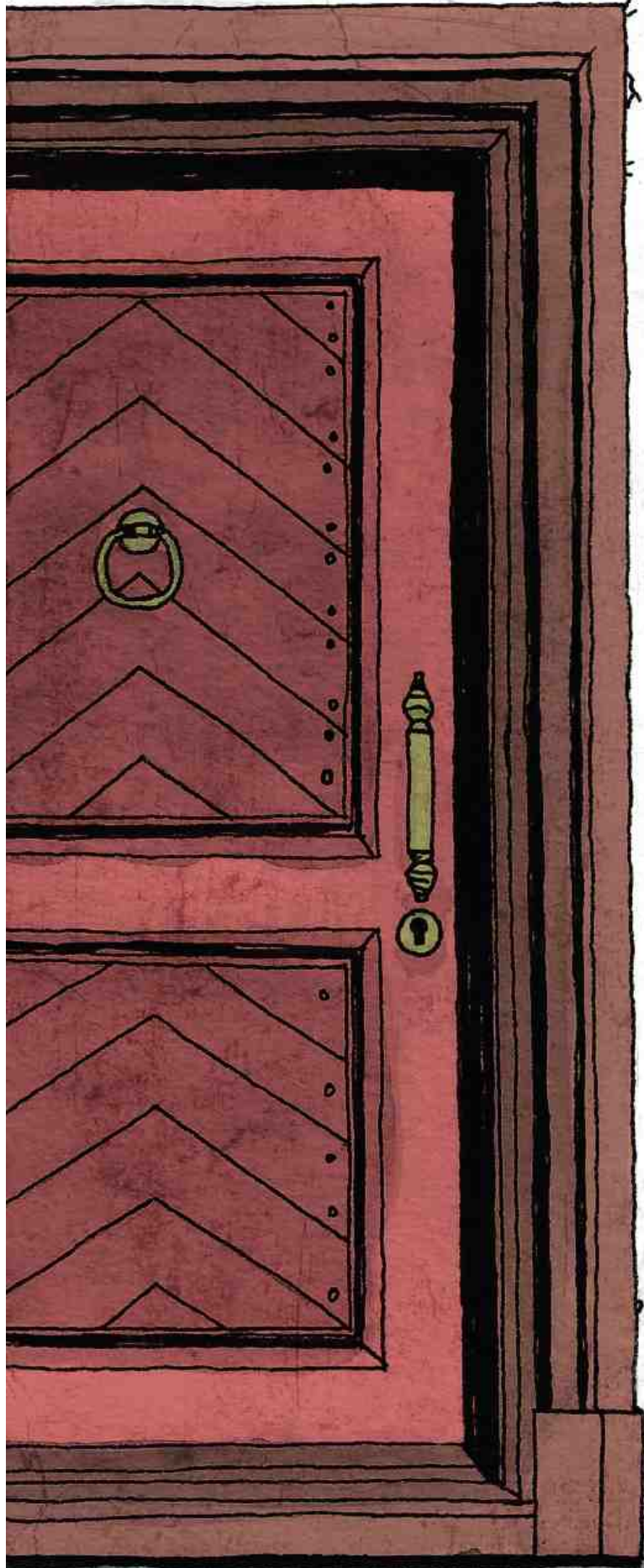
WHEN SOMEONE HAS NOWHERE ELSE TO GO...

...THEY OPEN
**THE LAST
DOOR.**

<THIS ISN'T
THE FARMER'S
MARKET.
ALSO...>*

*TRANSLATED
FROM ITALIAN.

<...HELP?>



*If your
NEED IS GREAT
and your
HOPE IS GONE,
there you will meet the...*

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...AND SOME
TEA.

LIKE...
MAGIC
TEA?

ONLY IF
FERMENTATION
COUNTS. IT'S
PU-ERH.

WE'LL
SEE.

I KNOW
YOU, BY THE
WAY. YOU'RE **THE**
SCARLET WITCH.
I'VE SEEN YOU ON
THOSE SAME
SHOWS...

...KICKING
DOCTOR STRANGE'S
ASS.

STEPHEN
IS A **GOOD**
SPORT.
AND PLEASE,
JARNETTE--
SIT.

YOU'VE COME THROUGH **THE**
LAST DOOR. A **PORTAL** OF
MY OWN CREATION.

IT APPEARS
ONLY TO THOSE IN
THE DIREST OF NEED.
THOSE WHO FEEL THEY
HAVE **NO ONE**
LEFT.

FOR **THOSE**
SOULS ON THE
BRINK, THE **LAST**
DOOR CAN OPEN
FROM **ANY**
DOORWAY.

AND BRING
YOU **HERE.** FOR
HELP.

FREE
OF **CHARGE.**
SO...



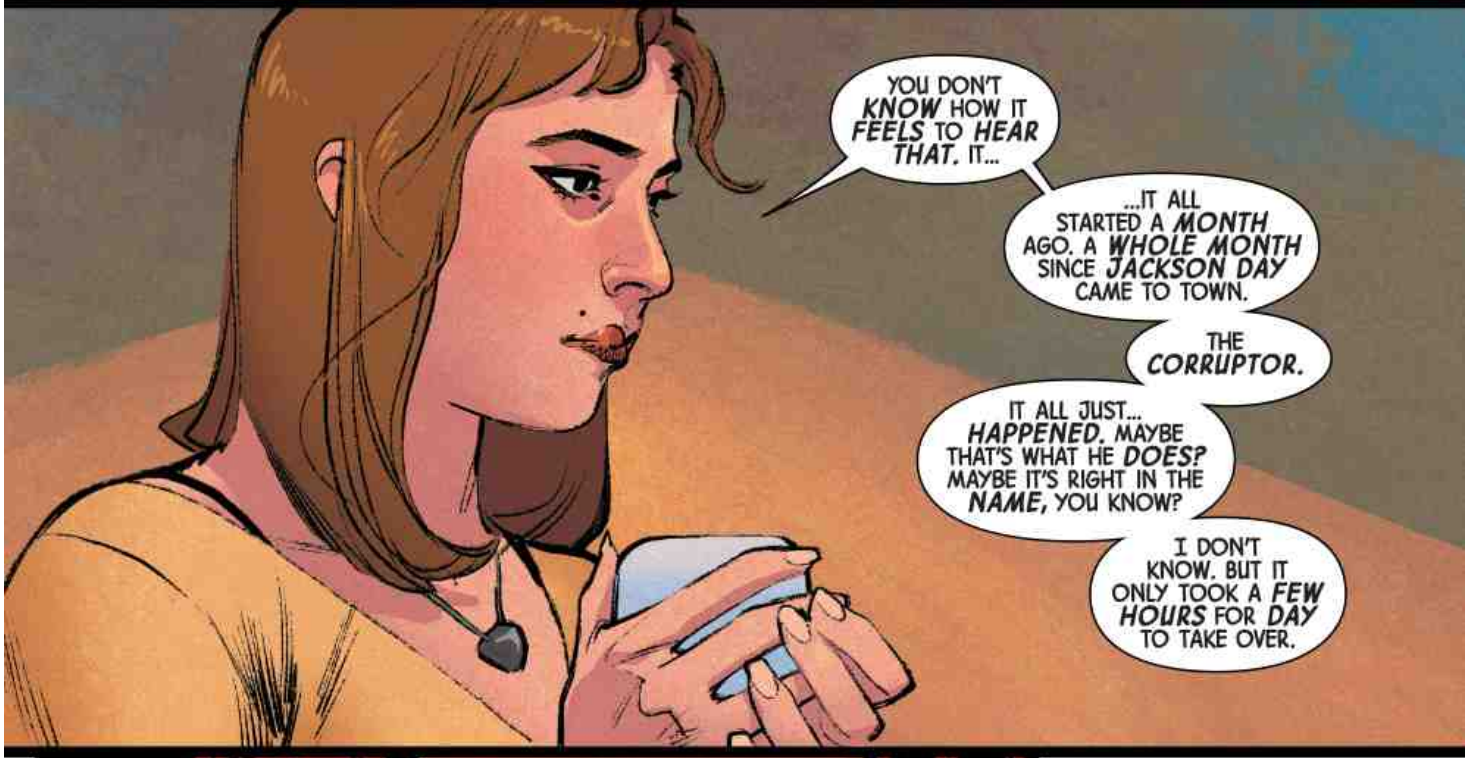
...TELL
ME WHAT
TROUBLES
YOU.



AND KNOW,
NO MATTER
WHAT...



...YOU
WILL BE
BELIEVED.



YOU DON'T
KNOW HOW IT
FEELS TO HEAR
THAT. IT...

...IT ALL
STARTED A MONTH
AGO. A **WHOLE MONTH**
SINCE **JACKSON DAY**
CAME TO TOWN.

THE
CORRUPTOR.

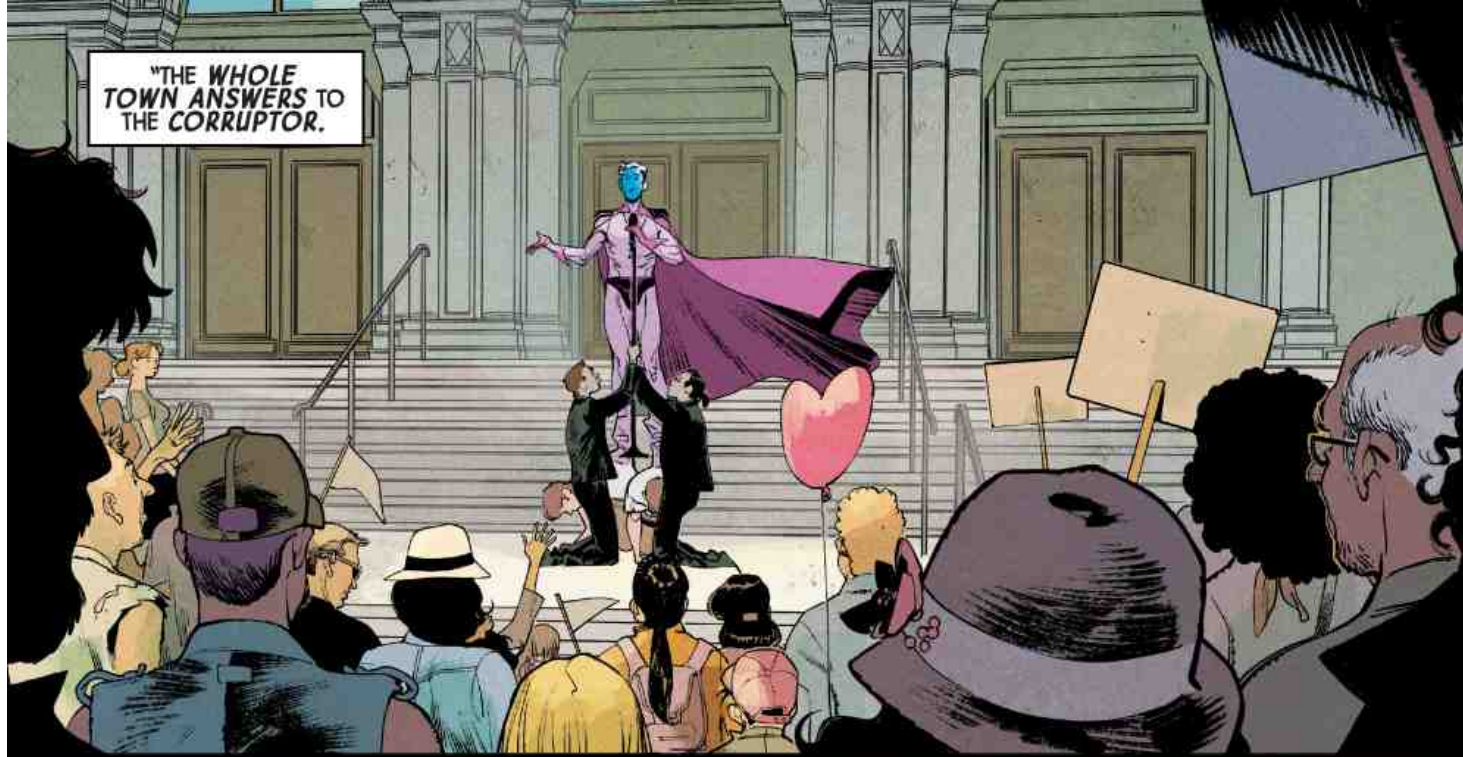
IT ALL JUST...
HAPPENED. MAYBE
THAT'S WHAT HE **DOES?**
MAYBE IT'S RIGHT IN THE
NAME, YOU KNOW?

I DON'T
KNOW. BUT IT
ONLY TOOK A **FEW**
HOURS FOR DAY
TO TAKE OVER.



AMATRICE
WAS A **GOOD**
PLACE TO LIVE. I
BUILT A **LIFE** THERE.
WAS **HAPPY**
THERE.

BUT
NOW?

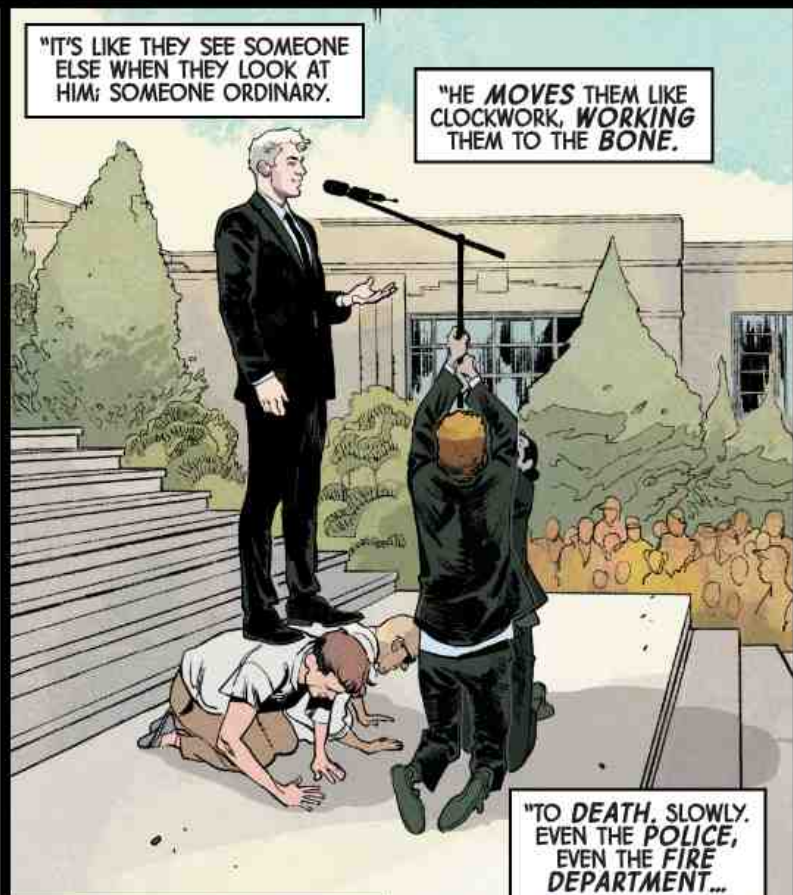


"THE **WHOLE**
TOWN ANSWERS TO
THE **CORRUPTOR**."



"AND I MEAN **EVERYONE**,
FROM THE **MAYOR** DOWN TO
OUR **FAVORITE BUSKERS**."

"THEY ALL BEND
TO HIS **WILL**."



"IT'S LIKE THEY SEE SOMEONE
ELSE WHEN THEY LOOK AT
HIM; SOMEONE **ORDINARY**."

"HE **MOVES** THEM LIKE
CLOCKWORK, **WORKING**
THEM TO THE **BONE**."

"TO **DEATH**. SLOWLY.
EVEN THE **POLICE**,
EVEN THE **FIRE**
DEPARTMENT..."



"...EVEN MY
OWN WIFE."

"AND THAT'S THE
WORST PART. THAT'S
WHAT'S **WORN**
ME **DOWN**."

"SHE TELLS ME I'M
CRAZY. THAT IT'S
ALL IN MY **HEAD**."

"SHE **DEFENDS** HIM.
SAY EVERYTHING'S
NORMAL...EVEN AS
HER HANDS **CRACK**
AND **BLEED**."



"NO ONE
SEES WHAT'S
HAPPENING."

"NO ONE
BUT **ME**."



JARNETTE--
I NOTICED YOUR
WORRY STONE.
MAY I ASK WHERE
IT CAME FROM?

THIS? MY
FATHER GAVE IT
TO ME. HE WAS A
MINER. GREW UP
AROUND **HERE**,
ACTUALLY.



INTRIGUING.
I'VE BEEN **ALL OVER**
THIS AND **MANY** WORLDS.
REWRITTEN **REALITY**
ITSELF.

AND YET, EVEN
ROUGH, THIS **STONE**
RESISTS ME. MY **SPELLS**
BEND AROUND IT, LIKE
OIL IN WATER.



I CANNOT INFLUENCE IT.
NOT DIRECTLY...THIS
SHOULD NOT BE.

IF YOUR **STONE**
IS OPAQUE TO MAGIC,
I'D **BET** IT'S WHAT'S
PROTECTED YOU FROM
CORRUPTION.

WHETHER HE
KNOWS IT OR
NOT, DAY'S POWER
MAY BE ROOTED
IN **SPELLS**.



I'M **SURPRISED**,
JARNETTE. THAT'S **RARE**...
I THINK IT'S BEST I
VISIT **AMATRICE**.

YOU--YOU REALLY
BELIEVE ME? YOU'LL
STOP HIM?



YOUR PENDANT
PROTECTED YOU.
POLISHED, ITS
STRENGTH COULD
GROW TO SHIELD
OTHERS.

NORMALLY,
THAT WOULD TAKE
HUNDREDS OF YEARS.
LUCKILY, MY BROTHER
LOVES A PROJECT.

PIETRO WILL
SHINE YOUR **WORRY**
STONE. IT WON'T TAKE
HIM LONG. STILL, I'LL
GO AHEAD...

"...AND MAKE
MY PRESENCE
KNOWN."

⟨WHO'S
SHE?⟩

⟨HEY.⟩

⟨YOU!⟩

⟨YOU'RE NOT
FROM AROUND
HERE.⟩

⟨WHAT
GAVE ME
AWAY?⟩



<WHAT'S YOUR NAME?>

<MY... MY NAME IS...>



<MY NAME'S "MAYOR DAY WANTS YOUR HEAD AS A CENTERPIECE," WITCH.>

<THAT FEELS UNLIKELY. YOU'RE ALL SUFFERING FROM A SORCEROUS CHEMICAL SUGGESTION.>



<BUT NOT FOR MUCH LONGER.>

<NOW. SLEEP.>





YOU SAY
THAT LIKE IT'S A
BAD THING.



WHAT COULD
POSSIBLY BRING
THE SCARLET WITCH
TO THIS HUMBLE
VILLAGE?



JUST YOUR
POISON TALENTS.
THESE PEOPLE HAVE
DONE NOTHING
TO YOU, DAY.

WHY
ATTACK THEM?
WHY COME ALL
THE WAY TO
ITALY?

BECAUSE A
PERSONAL FIEFDOM
SHOULD BE IN PARADISE,
NOT POUGHKEEPSIE.

BECAUSE I
CAN. AND THERE'S
NOTHING YOU OR
YOUR TIARA CAN
DO TO SAVE
THIS TOWN.



NEVER
SPEAK ILL OF
A TIARA.

BUT AS
FOR SAVING
THIS PLACE...

...I WON'T
BE DOING IT
ALONE.

SHE'S
WAITING,
JARNETTE. CALL
TO HER.



HER? THE
LONE HOLDOUT?!
AS IF HER CRIES COULD
MATTER!

THIS ISN'T
HER HOME
ANYMORE!

THAT--THAT'S
WHERE YOU'RE
WRONG.

«ROCCA,
BABY...LOOK IN
MY EYES. COME
TO ME.»



«JAR...
JARNETTE...»

«NO! YOU'LL
DO NOTHING OF
THE SORT!»



FAMILY
HAS POWER,
DAY.

YOU WERE
A FOOL TO
TEST IT. AND A
BIGGER
FOOL...



...TO
TEST
ME!

THUNDERBOM



YES.
WELL.

YOU'LL
FORGIVE
ME IF I DON'T
KNEEL!



YOU
WON'T HAVE
TO.

BUT YOUR
ACTIONS COME
AT A COST. JUST LIKE
EVERYONE
ELSE'S.

PLEASE.
YOU'RE
NOT *SPECIAL*,
WITCH. THEY ALL
THINK THEY CAN
RESIST...



...UNTIL THEY'RE
SWALLOWING THEIR
OWN TONGUES AT
MY SLIGHTEST
WHISPER.

AND THE
BEST PART? DEEP
DOWN, EVERYONE
WANTS TO BE
TOLD WHAT TO
DO.

JUST LIKE
YOU. JUST
LIKE *YOU*
WANT...



...TO
REMEMBER.



WHA-
WHAT?

DID I
MUMBLE,
WOMAN?



REMEMBER!



YOU DARE
TALK TO ME ABOUT
THE COST? ABOUT
CONSEQUENCES?

CONSEQUENCES
ARE THE LATTICEWORK
OF YOUR LIFE. WITHOUT
THEM, WHO ARE
YOU?



«JARNETTE...»

«IT--IT'S
OKAY, ROCCA...
WE'LL GET THROUGH
THIS, JUST...»

«...JUST FOCUS
ON MY FATHER'S
STONE...COME
CLOSER...»



DO WE SHUN
A SNAKE FOR BITING?
MY WORDS TURN PEOPLE
INTO THEIR WORST
SELVES.

THIS IS MY
NATURE.



<I CAN STILL
HEAR HIM.
FEEL HIS VOICE...
PUSHING
ME.>

<I KNOW,
ROCCA. IT'S OKAY.
JUST LET IT FADE...
FORGET HIM...>

<...AND
REMEMBER
ME.>



BUT YOU? ALL THE GOOD DEEDS
IN THE WORLD CAN'T ERASE
YOUR MISTAKES.

WE ALL
KNOW YOU,
WITCH.

SAVING THESE
PEOPLE WON'T
CHANGE WHAT
YOU'VE DONE.



<DON'T
LOOK AT
HIM. DON'T
LISTEN TO
HIM...>

<COME
HOME.>

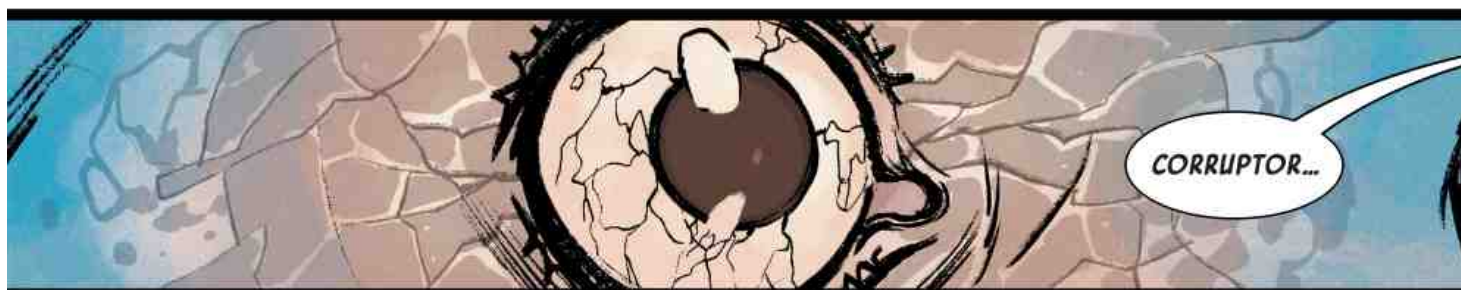


ACCEPT
WHAT YOU ARE--
DO YOU HEAR
ME?

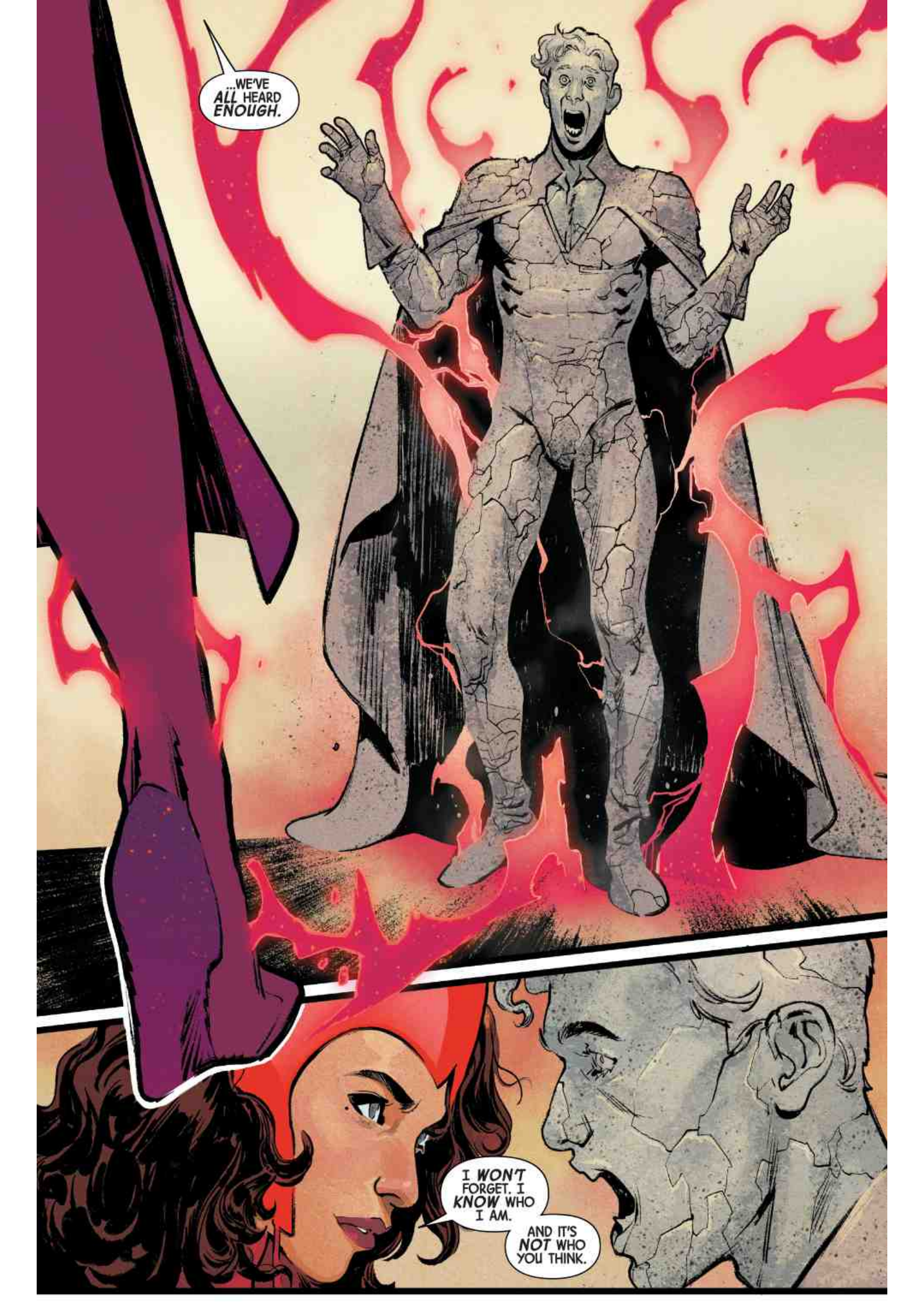
NEVER
FORGET
IT!



AGHK--



CORRUPTOR...



...WE'VE
ALL HEARD
ENOUGH.

I WON'T
FORGET. I
KNOW WHO
I AM.

AND IT'S
NOT WHO
YOU THINK.



I DID SAY YOU WOULDN'T HAVE TO KNEEL.

ENJOY THE SPELL. I CAST IT, BUT IT CAN ONLY BE BROKEN...

...BY THE ONES YOU HURT.

THE PEOPLE OF AMATRICE.

HOW GRACIOUS DO YOU THINK THEY'LL BE?

<WAKE, MY FRIENDS...>



<WAKE.>

<MY NAME IS WANDA. THERE WAS A SHADOW ON YOUR HEARTS.>

<ONE I KNOW WELL. ONE I'M ALL TOO SKILLED AT CASTING OUT.>



<MY--MY NAME'S GIULIA... I DIDN'T LIKE MAYOR DAY. HIS VOICE WAS SO BAD...>

<...BUT NOW IT'S GONE--YOU TOOK IT AWAY!>

<YOU THINK I DID THIS, GIULIA? NO.>

<YOU ALL OWE YOUR FREEDOM...>



<...TO ONE
OF YOUR OWN.
JARNETTE
CHASE.>

<IF SHE'D
GIVEN UP, I'D
NEVER HAVE KNOWN
TO COME HERE.>

<MOVE!
AS LONG AS THAT
THING'S IN ONE
PIECE, THE JOB'S
NOT DONE!>

<THAT IS
UP TO YOU. FREE
THE CORRUPTOR, LET HIM
STAND, DROP HIM
AT THE TOWN
LINE...>



<...HIS FUTURE
IS IN YOUR HANDS,
AS YOURS WAS IN
HIS.>

<BUT
CONSIDER
THIS—HE CORRUPTS
OUR OWN WORST
IMPULSES.>

<DON'T
LET HIM KEEP
MANIPULATING
YOU. VENGEANCE IS
ATTRACTIVE...>

<DESTROYING
HIM WOULD ONLY
PROVE HIS CORRUPTION
OF YOU WAS
COMPLETE.>



<...BUT IT
BRINGS ONLY
MORE PAIN.
TRUST ME.>

<CELEBRATE
THIS DAY. LIVE YOUR
LIVES. AND IMAGINE HOW
IT MUST ENRAGE
THIS FILTH...>

<...TO KNOW
HE'S HELPLESS
TO STOP YOU.>





WELCOME BACK.

I SOLD THREE BOOKS, SOME INCENSE MATCHES, A SLOW-JAZZ MANDRAKE AND ONE OF THOSE FURRY BOTTLES.

ROR

PINK MINK EXTRACT. SOMEONE'S ABOUT TO HAVE A LUCKY DAY, DARCY.

LUCKY ENOUGH, AT LEAST. I SEE QUICKSILVER'S GONE?

BOLTED AFTER HE FINISHED POLISHING THE STONE. SAID IT WAS THE WORST TEN MINUTES OF HIS LIFE.

NOT THAT I DIDN'T LIKE WATCHING HIM WORK WITH HIS HANDS.

PIETRO'S SPEED ISN'T MAGICAL. ONLY HE COULD POLISH THIS STONE INTO A TALISMAN.

IT MIGHT'VE SAVED AMATRICE, BUT MY SPELLWORK BENT AROUND IT.



JUST TOUCHING IT NUMBS MY HANDS. IF THERE IS MORE OF THIS OUT THERE...

...I CAN'T AFFORD TO LET IT REMAIN A MYSTERY.

SOUNDS LIKE A DINNER CONVERSATION TO ME. DINNER AND DRINKS.



YOU'RE RIGHT. CLOSING TIME. DINNER, DRINKS...

...AND A BIT ABOUT WHAT BROUGHT YOU THROUGH THE LAST DOOR?



YOU PROMISED NOT TO ASK QUESTIONS, WANDA. YOU SAID YOU WOULDN'T PUSH.

AND I WON'T. THIS WAS A FRIENDLY NUDGE AT--

CREAK

--BEST.

HEAR THAT, BOSS?



ALMOST SOUNDED LIKE...

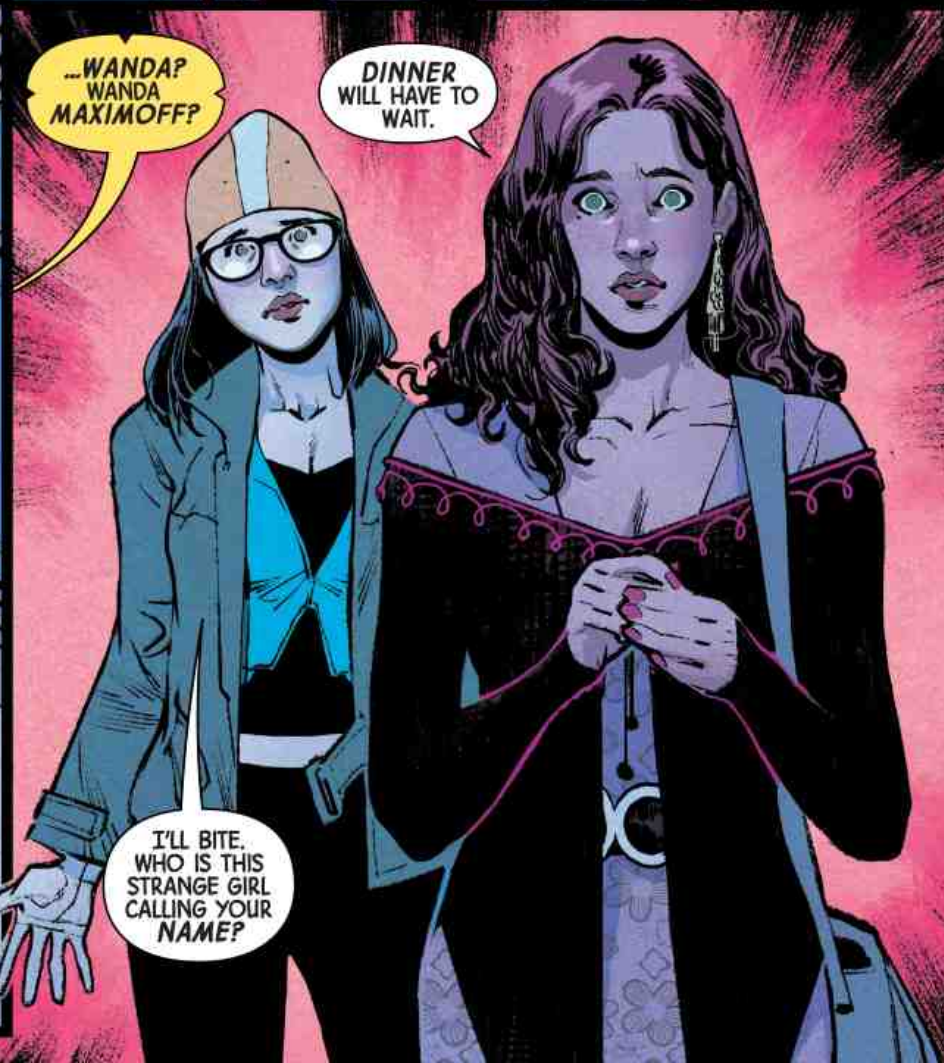
WAS THAT THE DOOR? THE DOOR DOOR?



CLICK--

I'M SORRY, DARCY.

LOCK



...WANDA? WANDA MAXIMOFF?

DINNER WILL HAVE TO WAIT.

I'LL BITE. WHO IS THIS STRANGE GIRL CALLING YOUR NAME?



IT IS MY
DREAMS...THEY
WILL NOT LET ME
GO. AND THEY
REFUSE...

...TO
STOP
KILLING
ME.



THAT STRANGE
GIRL IS VIVIAN
VISION, DARCY. AND
BY MEASURES
STRANGER
YET...

...YOU COULD
SAY SHE'S MY
DAUGHTER.

**NEXT: POST-
HUMAN FAMILY
MATTERS...**

SCARLET WITCH // WANDA MAXIMOFF

DESIGN BY RUSSELL DAUTERMAN

- when using her powers, Wanda's dark/curlly hair blends into magic hair with starry effect

- ombré effect on skirt, always

- two-piece bodysuit: top that turns into gloves and skirt, pants with built-in shoes (not separate boots)



- bodysuit colors:



- eye colors:



- gloves/rings detail:



- shoe detail:



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